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In re Application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS

Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed herewith.

Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that references 50, 70, 88, 93 listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report dated September 6, 2001 for a counterpart PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is enclosed herewith.

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Since copies of all the references except 82-88, 90-93, and 126 were provided either by the Applicant or the Examiner in the following related U.S. Application; Serial No. 09/782,588, filed February 12, 2001, upon which the instant application relies for its priority date, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of these references are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications:

1. United States Serial Number 09/782,588, filed February 12, 2001. *Paint*
2. U.S.S.N. 08/944,850, *Dickens/Walt* filed October 6, 1997; U.S.S.N. 09/287,573, filed April 6, 1999. *Walt*
3. U.S.S.N. 08/818,199, filed March 24, 1997, now Patent No. 6,023,540; U.S.S.N. *6327410* 09/151,877, filed September 11, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/786,896, filed September 10, 1999; *6266459* U.S.S.N. 09/450,829, filed November 29, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/816,651, filed March 23, 2001; U.S.S.N. 09/840,012, filed April 20, 2001.
4. United States Serial Number 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/344,526, filed June 24, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/748,706, December 22, 2000.
5. U.S.S.N. *6429027* 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/473,904, filed December 28, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/606,369, filed June 28, 2000.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application.

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Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, within three months of the date of entry of a national stage, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), and therefore no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68950-2/RMS/DCF/SRN).

Respectfully submitted,

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